



Monday Morning Eye-Opener July 22, 2019

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Good Morning! July 22, 2019

Prepping For Accreditation...



Online Help Sessions Beginning in August

Is your library in the next accreditation cycle? If so, then February 2020 is the date to submit the application and corresponding paperwork. And if you'd like ample time to discuss the accreditation process, learn more about what's required, ask any questions—well in advance of the deadline—then we have a deal for you!

Beginning in August, District Consultants will hold monthly online sessions wherein we'll focus on specific standards like planning, the ADA Checklist, board bylaws, etc. We'll have some material prepared, but these sessions are really designed for conversation and Q&A. While intended for libraries in the next accreditation cycle (February 2020) these programs will be valuable for all other libraries wanting to increase their Tier status to move from Tier 0-1-2. These meetings will be equally helpful for newly hired directors and new trustees, certainly any board members are welcome to attend.

We'll get started on **Tuesday August 13** with the first session “**Planning Part 1—Demographics & Community Input.**” Programs will then continue on the **second Tuesday each month** through February. Here's a look at the rest:

- **September 10** = Planning Part 2—Mission Statements / Goals / Objectives
- **October 8** = Board Bylaws and Board Standards
- **November 12** = The ADA Checklist
- **December 10** = Personnel Standards
- **January 14** = The 4 Required Policies

- **February 11** = Accreditation Application Submission

On these Tuesdays, we'll offer a morning and afternoon time slot—**either 10:30AM or 2:00PM—choose one**. The length will vary, depending on the number of attendees and the number of questions. Because these are consulting sessions and not intended as workshops, c.e. credit will not be awarded. These programs will not be added to the C.E. catalog, so no advance registration is necessary. The link to the ZOOM room will be sent to all libraries on the 2020 accreditation cycle. We'll happily send the link to directors / trustees from any libraries who express interest--please contact your District Consultant if you would like to receive the ZOOM link. Then protect the dates above as you and your library team begin prepping for accreditation!

Standards & Accreditation

School Library Journal's "Teen Live"



2019 Online Summit August 8

School Library Journal is hosting this year's "**Teen Live**" online event on **August 8**. This is a free daylong virtual conference featuring well-known and new-on-the-scene YA authors talking about their newest books for teens. Attendees will also have the chance to hear from YA librarians who are tackling timely issues relevant to teenagers and teen services.

This year's theme is ***Knocking Down Doors***. From the website: "*Just as authors and publishers must rethink how stories are told, on and off the page, youth services librarians must consider their role in their communities, both inside and outside the library building... Engaging author panels and library programming sessions will give you tools and ideas on how to continue the work of engaging with teens as they enter into an increasingly challenging world.*"

Things get underway at 8:00AM central time with a chance to explore the virtual exhibit hall, download handouts, and enter contests. Then the webinars begin at 9:00AM CST. Registration includes access to the **SLJTeen Live!** on-demand archives for up to three months. Here are some of the sessions on the schedule:

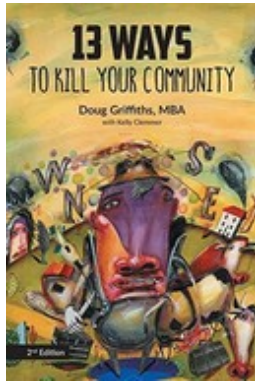
- Panel discussion "Family Matters"
- Panel discussion "The Power of Love"
- True Life: How to Write YA Nonfiction

- Seeing is Believing: Graphic Novels for Teens
- Activating Empathy
- Partnerships and Collaboration

Visit **School Library Journal's Teen Live** conference site for a look at the YA authors who will be speaking, full day details, and registration. This all happens Live—Online—and is entirely FREE!

[Register! SLJ's Teen Live Event](#)

Next Big Ideas Book Discussion



[13 Ways To Kill Your Community](#)

The third book in the **2019 Big Ideas Book Discussion** series is [13 Ways to Kill Your Community](#) (2nd edition 2016) by Doug Griffiths. Canadian author Griffiths has been a teacher, a rancher, and a politician, having served in the Canadian legislature for 13 years. He now works as a “community therapist” with local governments looking to lead communities to success and prosperity. This online book discussion happens on **August 23rd** (9:30-11:00AM)

Griffiths writes with wry humor, but still makes serious points about key factors that lead to a community's success or failure. He writes *“the town that appears in this book is called Omegatown. It's not a real place, but a compilation of numerous towns big and small that really do exist and that have helped inspire 13 Ways...they all have their own strengths and weaknesses, but all were unintentionally killing themselves in one way or another...”*

From **Amazon**: *“...The anecdotes and examples are delivered with wit and a little bit of a dishy factor. But underneath all the fun is a clear breadth of experience and a no-nonsense, practical approach to community building, which can be easily grasped. 13 Ways to Kill Your Community offers practical, implementable steps that can be taken to bring a moribund community back to life. This book delivers what it promises, and it does so with wit and warmth...”*

In **Big Ideas Book Discussions**, State Library staff and guest stars facilitate discussions using books outside of library management, but with plenty of application to library management. Choosing books on leadership, civic engagement, customer service, presentation skills, etc we'll connect those ideas with public library service.

Big Ideas provides an assortment of titles for nonfiction readers, aiding in collection development and leading to good choices for local book discussion groups. We encourage participants to purchase books used throughout the **Big Ideas** series for your own collections. And join us on **August 23rd** for the next good read: [13 Ways to Kill Your Community](#) (2nd edition c2016)

This Week's Webinars and Reminders



Kids Book Talks On Thursday

Youth services consultant Angie Manfredi leads a webinar on Thursday July 25: **“Check It Out,”** a look at new books for kids and teens (1:00-2:00PM)

[Register :-\)](#)



Enrich Iowa Report Due

Don't forget that your library's **Enrich Iowa Report** is due by next **Wednesday July 31**. This is the FY'19 year-end report indicating how you spent your library's **Direct State Aid** funding, as well relaying your **Open Access** checkout transactions. Learn more here with links to the **Enrich Iowa Report**.

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